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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Pre-IR&D Council Session with Dr. Currie

1. I met with Dr. Currie, Chairman, Intelligence Research and Development Council in his Pentagon office at 0900 hours, 11 January. The purpose of the meeting was to review agenda items for the Council session on Tuesday, 15 January, as well as to report actions taken, discuss status of program inputs from the members as requested at the last meeting, and fully ascertain that Dr. Currie had consented to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (R&D)'s participation as a member of the Council. With respect to the latter item, I can report that your efforts through Mr. Colby, with some additional support from [REDACTED] were successful. At Dr. Currie's request, I met later in the day with Mr. Norman R. Augustine at which time I extended a formal invitation to him to serve as a Council member. Mr. Augustine was visibly pleased that he had been invited, citing in particular, the need for more awareness of high-level Army management as to just what is going on in intelligence.

2. Dr. Currie told me that he had held some discussions with Dr. McLucas, Dr. LaBerge, and Mr. Plummer. It was jointly agreed that Mr. Plummer would participate in Council deliberations. Dr. Currie personally extended the invitation to him. I have taken actions to ensure proper clearances and provide background material to the new members. BGEN Kulpa will serve as alternate for Mr. Plummer. It appears a cultural hurdle has been overcome successfully.

3. Dr. Currie, as well as the military Secretaries, are relatively new arrivals to their present positions in government. An open-mindedness to take a fresh look at things could be inferred from Dr. Currie's comments as our discussion ensued. Apparently, Defense (the non-strategic intelligence side-of-the-house) is becoming increasingly aware of the contribution national intelligence resources can provide to tactical forces. I am not so sure that Defense likes this turn of events, but the combination of level budgets and inflation is forcing the military services to look

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elsewhere for satisfaction of individual intelligence requirements, rather than develop their own one-of-a-kind system. For example, one can foresee questions being raised as to why one would plod ahead on the development of locally controlled ELINT drones and QRC vans when [ ] can provide similar information. [ ] contribution (ELINT and IR) in the Middle East conflict has apparently drawn the attention of some high-level officials, which, of course, includes Dr. Currie. He particularly noted the genesis of [ ] and the expectations of [ ] which is a split-funded program. Dr. Currie advised that he intends to pursue the question of R&D applied to national/tactical shared problems in future Council sessions. I expect him to surface some aspect of this at the Tuesday session.

4. At Dr. Currie's request, I had prepared some background information (copy attached) on the general distribution of R&D resources. A major share of the data I derived from CIRIS information, although you may note it is referred to as the IC Staff data base, vice CIRIS, for cultural reasons. Perusing the data, displayed from CIRIS information, Dr. Currie observed that either R&D is not attuned to any finite objectives, or program managers are not clear in their understanding as to how to report data to the staff data base. I personally believe it is a combination of both of the above. Perhaps when these displays are viewed by the membership, which Dr. Currie desires, some actions may be triggered to improve CIRIS or develop a system specifically for R&D overview purposes.

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